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*FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1971, 3 P.M.(CDST) * OVERLAND PARK, KANS., May 23 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) announced tonight that a grant in the amount of \$132,630 has been approved by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for the Johnson County Community Drug Abuse Abatement Program.

The funds are to be used for development of a comprehensive community-based resource to be used as an alternative to incarceration of vouthful drug offenders in Johnson County.

The project funds were awarded to the Kansas Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration but the program will be directed by the subgrantee, or the office of the Johnson County Attorney.

The primary focus of the effort will be the establishment or Drug Intervention Groups for drug offenders, staffed by professionals and trained para-professionals and supported by psychotherapy services and coordinated assistance and services of judicial, correctional law enforcement and social service agencies of the community. Specific program components will include:

(a) Crisis Action Teams, (b) Adult Intervention Groups, (c)
24-hour emergency living and foster home arrangement, (d)
recreational, avocational and vocational interest alternatives
to drug abuse, (e) project evaluation, including on-going measures of component effectiveness, (f) clinical supervision and
in-depth training, and (g) community liaison and education.

Coordination of the various public and private groups involved will be effected through the Johnson County Council on Drug Abuse, Inc., acting under the direction of the County Board of Commissioners and County Attorney's Office.

The project is supported under Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. The LEAA grant is for one year, beginning June 1, 1971